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MARCH 16 CASTLE ROCK Catherine Jones will lead us on this favorite trip.

CAMP ADAIR, MARCH 24, SAGE INSTALLATION This is the Strategic Air Ground Environment installation which was set up to detect any enemy planes or rockets which might approach the coast of Northern California, Oregon, or the Southern Washington coast. The whole installation is in one high building which contains computers, radar, etc. for this type installation. The tour will be taken to all parts of the building and should be of great interest to all adults.

Because of the necessity of a list of all members of the tour to be sent ahead to Camp Adair and because we will be expected to arrive together at a given time, this will be a bus trip. The bus will leave Harris Hall at 1:00 p.m. sharp and should be back by 6:00 p.m. The charge is \$2 per person which will cover fare and trip fee. The busses will take us right to the door, therefore, there will be no need for heavy clothing or rain gear. The whole trip will actually be inside this one building so any comfortable clothing and shoes should be OK. There is a Lunch room where food and drink may be purchased reasonably.

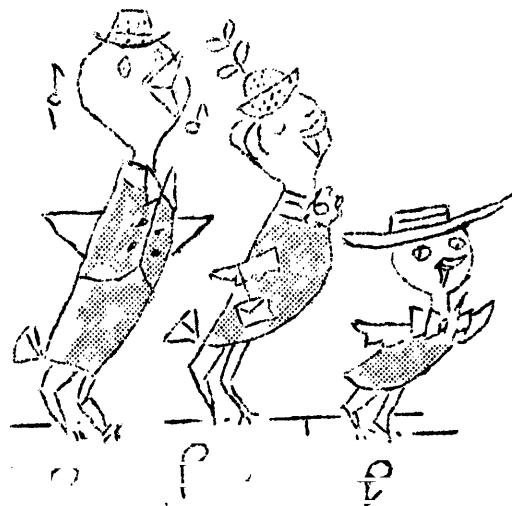
Because of the complexity of this installation it is not recommended for children. Young adults would probably understand and find it interesting and worth while. We have been asked to limit the number to 50, therefore, the first 50 Obsidians who signed up at Gilberts will make the trip. If we do not have 50 Obsidians sign up we can take others. Please do not sign up unless you intend to go as this list must be sent up several days ahead and we will be checked at the gate. Only those on the list will be admitted.

MARCH 31 RIBBON PARK TRAIL Margaret Markley is the leader and asks to be met at the City Park block at 9:00 a.m.

APRIL 7 ROOSTER ROCK This is an old time favorite. Always interesting and is going to be led by Helen Hughes. This trip is one that every time you make it it is different.

APRIL 13 SATURDAY WORK TRIP at the Lodge Mac is the boss and wants you, you, YOU.

GLACIER PARK



GLACIER PARK is the site picked for our Camp Markley. Camp dates are Aug. 8 to 17. Camp committee chairman, Jim Jeppesen, is going to make every effort to make this a bus trip. Depends, of course, on the sign up. Costs and other details to be worked out. Selma will be our cook. Nuf Sed. SUMMER CAMP RALLY NIGHT will be April 27 at the lodge starting off with a pot-luck supper at 6:30. Come out and see all and hear all.

CHAIR FUND CONTRIBUTORS Names to go onto chairs now are: Olga Mortensen (hers is a birthday gift from a very dear Princess) Clare Hamlin, Daisy Hamlin, Terri Hamlin, Miner Hamlin, Nancy Hamlin, Sunny Hamlin, Anna Pechanec, G.W. and Emma Wright, Don Hunter, Gary Hunter, Wayne Hunter, Helen Landes, Clarence Landes, Mac McWilliams, Nellie McWilliams, Dorothy Towler-ton.

REVOLTING DEVELOPMENT A trip is scheduled. Several people are down at the meeting place. They wait and wait, but the leader does not show up. Discouraged and with some bitterness they go back home. This could happen and will happen Why? Because you didn't sign up. There are so many going on trips and those who sign up getting fewer all the time, that some time the leader is going to pick up the sheet and find no one has signed up and that will be that.

DUES ARE PAST DUE and this is the last notice. Send to Mary Jo Johannis, 3524 High. It will soon be time to be telling you dues are due for next year.

RUMMAGE is slow coming in. Get a move on and get it ready and call RI 6-2908.

ETHEL GLAZE Princess Flying Arrow, is in the hospital. She was the fifth Obsidian to become a Princess, becoming one in '30.

FWOC convention this year will be at Asilomar, refuge by the sea. Hosts this year will be the California Alpine Club.

The Federation has never attended this lovely spot, which is situated on the tip of the Monterey peninsula, and located in 60 acres of pines, combining the serenity of the forest with breath-taking views of cypress, surf and sand on the shores of the Pacific. Asilomar, a hotel and conference grounds is owned by the State Park System.

Nearby attractions include Famous 17 mile drive along the coast, Point Lobos State Park, (shutter bugs delight), Historic old Monterey, and Carmel, renowned for its cultural attractions.

SUMMER CAMP this year for the Mountaineers is going to be a pack-in in the Lake Chelan country. Cost: 1 week, \$65; 2 wks \$120; 3 weeks, \$175. The California Alpine Club will summer camp in the Sierra's and near Mt Whitney. Cost for 2 weeks, somewhere between \$100 and \$125.

OLD TIME PICTURE ALBUM is a project being worked on by Art Johnson. If anyone has black and white pictures of old time Obsidian doin's contact Art. He wants to make up an album of them for the Lodge. If no pictures maybe negatives.

PATTERSON, PAT AND DEAN are home again after spending part of the winter down in Mazatlan, Mexico.

DANCE NIGHT Rocking-Chair group specially. Exports wanted but not necessary Mar. 21

CRATER LAKE APRIL 21, 1963

Beautiful Crater Lake in the winter time will be the trip by Greyhound bus on Sunday, April 21, 1963. Leaving the 19th & Patterson (South Eugene High School Parking lot) at 6 a.m. will arrive at the lake about 10 o'clock for a day of picture taking and skiing.

The nicest thing about the trip is the cost-only \$5 round trip- it cost only \$5 in 1948 and also in 1949. And to remin'sce about the 49 trip-114 persons signed up to go and we employed 3 Greyhound buses only to find Crater Lake frozen over solid for the first time in history.

Take your lunch, however coffee shop may be open, also wear ski clothes with parka and skis if you ski. Sign up at Sterling Behnke's shoe store, 49 E Brdy. and pay the five dollars when signing up-so Obsidians-the first 38 may go. Leader, Ray Sims.

MARCH 16 POT-LUCK will be an **IRISH PARTY** Schure en be Jabers, if we kin git the pigs out of the parlor there'll be ringin' thru Tara's Hall the night, fer schure So all ye Saints and Sinners, Orangemen & Fenians, Colleens and Milesians & Paddys, come out and meet up with the Leprechauns The stills arunnin and there will be plenty of good old Irish Potteen for all ye Spalpeens. Arrah! Arrah!

Be after wearin' your prettiest Green- The penalties are drastic. Begorra and there's the Irishest program afoot in many-a-day. Schur'n you'll be a-missin' much fun if you miss this. Bring along your favorite Irish stews and slum-gullions and your blarniest blarney. Arrah!

DON HUNTER is in San Francisco this week end attending the Wilderness Conference. He was quite anxious to get there in time to hear Secretary of the Interior Udall's speech. Don should have an interesting story to tell on his return.

PRINCESS DAWN entertained the Princesses and guests at the Dotson home February 18 Principle item of business was consideration of the Gold Bond Stamp Project as a means of getting kitchen equipment for the Obsidian Lodge. Now whenever Obsidians turn in their stamp books will they please ask how they can get 10 points for the club. The evenings entertainment was a demonstration of Sarah Coventry jewelry. Princesses Sun-on-the-Snow, Silver Birch Lightening, and Rainbow-on-the-Fog were models. Next meeting will be held at Helen Weiser's home March 18.

CHEMEKETANS annual banquet was a big success by anyones score. The banquet was attended by 153 persons. 12 from Eugene. Obsidians attending were Don Hunter and his two boys and Mrs. Hunter, Margaret Markley, Bob and Mary Medill, Catherine Dunlop, Dorothy Towler-ton, and Nellie & Mac McWilliams. The program presented was excellent, beginning with a chronological story on the Big Blow of Last October and a short talk on the weather forecasting business by Bob Lynott whom we have all met on KOIN TV broadcasting the weather. Some very beautiful singing by the Salem Sweet Adelines, a chorus of somewhere around 25 voices, and a picture showing by our own Don Hunter. One of the series of pictures shown was his latest, "Oregons Volcanic Cascades." All of Don's pictures were shown in Don's inimitable style and with sound. We saw George La Borde walking around with a cane and we HillBillies from down this-a-way wondered what kind of an accident George had been in, but we found out that this cane is something of an emblem with the Chemeketans, it being handed over every so often to the one who has made the most trips and or miles. Well George lost it this night and it was handed over to someone else. New members for the year were introduced and summit certificates handed out. A most enjoyable evening and thank you, Chemeketans, for inviting us to be with you.

STEALING Other clubs are doing that with names. There is a Sebring that is an officer in the Tacoma branch of the Seattle Mountaineers. Also a Don Hunter has put in his application for membership with the Seattle Mountaineers. The Cascadians of Yakima claim Bob Lyons as their own.

INA FOSS has been heard from again. She is having herself quite a time. Touring all over Mexico, she has visited Mexico City and when last heard from is over in Acapulco bathing in the warm waters of the Pacific, after climbing in the San Lois Potosi's for three days.

RUTH HOPSON

We extend to you our deepest sympathy in the loss to you of your mother. Ruth's mother at one time taught school in the Eugene area. They lived for some time in the Chase Gardens area.

CASTELLONES, Bailey and Mary, have returned from their vacation down thru California and way points. Their trip took them as far south as Tia Juana.

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 Building; Bob Medill; Entertainment; Betty Boeshans; Climbing, Bob Dark: Search and Rescue, Stanley Hasek: Library, Art Johnson: Membership, Mary Jo Johannis; Conservation, Don Hunter: Outing, Jim Jeppesen Youth, Frank Moore: Grounds, Mac McWilliams Scientific, Mary Douglass Stovall.

NEW MEMBERS Add these names to your new membership list.

John Refsnider,	751 E 23	3-6320
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And a welcome to you all. Come up and see us sometime.

JIM STOVALL It was a decided shock to all to learn that Jim had to have one of his legs taken off. And Jim, being Jim Stovall is taking it quite stoically. Lots of things come to mind, but the main thot is that we all want to see you back on the trails again with us, Jim, and we know we will. Mary Douglass requests not to visit Jim in the hospital without calling her first.

NORM HASEK is a chip off the old block. Seems he stepped backwards off a step and slivered a bone in his ankle. He now has it in a plaster cast.

JUDY HURST was elected secretary of the Ribbon Park Trail Association, at their annual meet held recently at Harris Hall.

JIM SIMS after enduring the freezing weather of both England and France has settled in a warm spot, Marbella, Spain. 60 kilometers from Gibraltar.

FLORENCE FULTON has left her home by the sea long enough to give Eugene a visit for a few days. Come back again, Florence when you can stay longer. She has bought a place over there near Devils Lake and will make her home there.

WHITAKER CREEK COAST RANGE Feb. 10th. This trip, for a quickie, was well attended. 35 miles west on route F, and hiked about 2 miles up an old logging road. When sign-up sheet was taken down Sat. at 5 P. M. 5 people were signed up. 5 more had called the leader at home, when we arrived at the Park block Sunday at 12:15 20 more were there, thus making a total of thirty. We drove out Route F, left our cars at the Whitaker Creek recreation area, crossed the creek on a log and followed up the stream to this old logging road. We hiked up this road to the top of the ridge where we had a nice view of the hills and valleys. Some of us went on up the road and discovered that by leaving the road and climbing to the top of the ridge we could see 2 of the Three Sisters. Arrived back at the cars about 4:30. Those along: Robin Brant, Nellie and Mac Mc Williams, Henry Oswald, Gertrude Oswald, Helen, Alvin Betty and Joan Lynch, Connie Coquillet, Scott Van Fossen, Carol Minor, Dorothy Towlerton, Betty Boeshans, Ken Lodewick, Carl Sandell, Barbara Hasek, A.L. Soderwall Kathy, Chuck and Mrs. Soderwall, Gerald Morsello, Ted and Mary Jo Johannis, David Lent, Virginia Hautchins, Georgia Mason, Catherine Dunlop and Helen Smith, Leaders.

FEBRUARY 23 POT-LUCK was well attended and those who missed it missed a most enjoyable evening. About 50 people attended and all were treated to some of the most atrocious singing ever heard there and also enjoyed some most hilarious games. The whole setting was in tribute to Washington and Lincoln. There was also a pie eating contest made from almost pitless cherries. Thanks to Frank Moore, Myrtle Smith, Keith Brunig, Dorothy Towlerton and others who were responsible for the evening. It was most wonderful. Guests were: Mr and Mrs. Sofge, guest of Frank Moore; Mrs. Hazel Cales, Mother of Frances Freedenburg; Lloyd Myer and family, Mrs Myer is the daughter of Dorothy Towlerton.

MISSPELLED WORDS Do you ever find them in the Bulletin? Have you ever known 4 or 5 different ways to spell a word? Sometimes we find as many ways to spell a word as there are workers on the Bulletin Staff. The need for a dictionary has been discussed a number of times, but that would complicate things, too, by taking up a lot of time. And then, we would be hardup to alibi out of misspelled words.

DANCE NIGHT March 21- Experts wanted but not necessary. Rocking-chair group specially.

BRIDGE CREEK FALLS Feb. 23. The group met at 9:00 a.m. drove about 36 miles up the Willamette Highway to Bridge Creek. Hiked along the trail on the ridge between Bridge Creek and the Whitehead Creek. Around two miles along the trail we dropped down to Bridge Creek to view and old sluice box and parts of an old still. Returned by the highway. Weather mild and pleasant, sunny. Trail went thru lovely green, mossy areas. Area is to be logged in the near future. Returned to cars at 2:00 p.m. Those on this trip were: Helen Smith, Scott Van Fossen, Lorene Bressler, Betty Boeshans, Robin Brant, Alan and Lorena Reid, Del Blattler, Margaret Wiese Leader.

COBURG CAVES Feb. 17, 1963. Met at City Park at 1:15; Left at 1:20. Parked at the wooden gate on Jaques property. Moved at a slow pace up the road to the rocks. Looked at whale rock, Wall Street. Then went on N. W. to the main rocks. Rained nearly all the time. Returned to cars after exploring the caves. Back to cars at 4:15. Home at 5:00 p. m. Making the trip were: R. O. and Nellie Mc Williams, Scott Van Fossen, Helen Smith, Charla Eubanks, Margaret Margaret Markley, Mike Bray, Tom Coble, Ted & Mary Jo Johannis, John Refsnider, Kenneth Lodewick, Doug Gragg Mel Jackson, Leader.

OLD MAN ROCK up the North Umpqua River 50 miles east of roseburg has been climbed. Picture of the "Rock" and the story were in the RG February 24, 1963. The reason for mentioning it here is the two of the climbers are Obsidians. Mark McLaughlin of Eugene and Gary Kirk of Roseburg. While we are mentioning names want to call attention to one Bill Unsoeld who is now with the exploration and climbing party making the attempt on Everest and two other peaks in the Himalyas in India. Bill was a former Obsidian who got his start with us and is well known to a lot of us.

OUTDOOR CLUBS in the United States number 91 according to a list just received from the Chicago Mountaineering Club. Sierra Club of California is, of course the largest and have several branches. The list contains the names and addresses of all clubs all over the world if anyone would for any reasons, wish to correspond with any of them, the list is at the Lodge. The Chicago Mountaineering Club will hold their summer camp this year up in the Washington Cascades, 19 miles from the head of Lake Chelan.

BOARD MEETING All officers attending and sober. Trips and climbing committees reported they are just about ready to have the summer schedules printed. Building committee reported two chair dollies made and in use and the stairway and stairs are all painted. Frank Moore of the youth committee reported some interest is being shown in speology and stated that there are approximately 300 caves in Oregon. It was decided to have him go ahead with this and see what comes of it. Maybe we could create a department along this line. This woke up Stan Hasek who asked just what was necessary to explore caves and when told that it required ropes, pitons in some cases and lights he didn't seem too happy to be at the head of Search and Rescue. Said he preferred to do his search and rescue work on top of the ground and in daylight. Don Hunter, our conservationist, told of showing his pictures on conservation and what the logging is doing up in Blue River and in spite of the fact that this was up in loggers country, he did arouse much interest. He also told of going up into the Old Baldy area of the Coburgs where the contemplated rockquarry is to be put. He told of discovering an old abandoned logging city complete with all the old houses and buildings still there. He also reported finding some very interesting rock formations that he had never seen before and took pictures of same and showed them to the board. Art Johnson, librarian, has come up with an idea to create an album of old Obsidian pictures. See item in another place about this. He already has a source located of a lot of pictures and wants more. Outing Committee man, Jim Jeppesen, has on his committee, Henry Carlson, Barbara Hasek, Mac and Nellie McWilliams. See outing announcement on page one.

Bob Northrup is Institutional Representative of the Club and Boy Scouts. On his committee are Bob Ashworth, Charla Eubanks and Norm Hasek. Mary Jo Johannis read off the names of those members who are in arrears with their dues.

Checking account balance \$543.44. Bills read and allowed; electricity and water, \$26.95, chair dollies \$17.44, Postage for the Bulletin, \$8.00. It looks like a big year for the Obsidians.

On the wall in the cloak room is framed a poem written in memory of Bob Lyons along with a picture of Bob. This in recognition of what Doris Lyons had done for the club in memory of Bob.

DID YOU NOTICE the address labels on your last Bulletin? They are actually less costly than the stenciled ones. The labels cost 21¢ per months mailing. The address stencils cost 7¢ each and we have been using about a half dozen per month due to people moving, etc. When the present supply of white ones are used we are going to try colored ones. In preparing the Bulletins for the Post office it is necessary to sort them into piles depending on where they go. In the past we have always sorted by reading the addresses, but if we use a different color for each route then we will just sort by color.

We ain't got no troubles. The President of the Wasatch Mountain Club in an article in the Rambler in telling the membership why they need more income lists things that more money is needed for. He mentions among their costs, that it costs \$625 to print and mail out their bulletin a year that each bulletin costs 13¢ to publish. We have cut the cost of publishing our bulletin to less than 1 3/4¢ and this is for a 6 pager. Our postage for the Bulletin annually is \$38. He goes on to list things needed to be done to their lodge. He says, "The roof leaks and needs painting, the porch must be recovered, the kitchen needs a new floor, neither the electric stove nor refrigerator work properly the toilets need about \$75 worth of equipment to keep them operating, the logs need oiling, some log walls are starting to bow, the floor sags, a few new electrical circuits are needed, the Forest Service requires us to finish the stone facing around the annex, repair the outside toilets and install spark shields around the chimneys." No! we ain't got no troubles at all, at all.

OBSIDIAN MAIL quite often brings requests for information about our mountains, our forests, our wild areas. How does one go about getting into them (never about how to get out) where to get maps along with how to camp out and how to find camping out places. We get requests for different clubs literature and for pictures of our outdoor places. These are all answered to the best of our ability. Some come from different States. Even had one from England. Also had an answer from this chap in England who was very appreciative of our efforts and asked a number of questions about things that he had read in some of the clubs bulletins that he did not understand.

Mt Hagan March 3. The group left City Park at 8:10 a.m. to meet at the Kern Electric shop east of Nimrod about 2.4 miles. A clear, crisp day made the hike up the ridge by logging road to the trail very enjoyable since distant mountain scenes were clear and picturesque. Just after starting up the trail three deer were seen and soon snow made the air quite cold. We soon encountered enough snow to make trails difficult to discern but managed to find it and about 12:30 climbed out onto a road that led from somewhere right to the lookout. Glimpses of the Sisters with their cloud veils made picture taking interesting: but eating lunch with cold hands was a bit difficult. Our stay was brief and we soon were back out of the snow and reached the cars about 3 p.m. Mt Hagan was once a favorite spot with the hikers but had not been scheduled for some time. We found it pretty well logged over but with new growth well started. A few early spring flowers, manzanita and one wild strawberry blossom, plus pussy willows were seen. Everyone enjoyed having Mrs Cox who was a member of the Seattle Mountaineers now living in Eugene, and Joyce Hart and Bill Fogg from the University. The Ruby family have traveled with us before, but it has been sometime and it was grand to have them again. Bob Medill and Mrs Cox didn't make it thru the snow to the top but were pretty well up there. Bob's shoes gave him some trouble in the snow which we did not expect to find so heavy and Mrs Cox had not been hiking for some time so she thought she shouldn't overdo this first trip. Del Blattler did a good job of keeping the trail located. On this trip were the following. Joyce Hart, Bill Fogg, Helen, Alvin and Betty Lynch, Del Blattler, Bob Medill, Helen Smith, Mrs E (Duchess) Cox, Catherine Dunlop, George, Joan (Mrs) Susan George and Johnny Ruby, Dorothy Towler and

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS part 4 from the beginning by Ray Sims

A few Sunday ski trips were made in the upper McKenzie country, but as the newly formed organization had no club-house, this sport did not attract many until the first New Years party, held January 1 & 2 1928. The outing was held at the McKenzie Hotel, McKenzie Bridge, with 34 people attending. 19 of whom chartered a bus from Oregon Stages, Eugene.

John Bovard led one trip of a hike to Frizzel Point, while another group led by Ray Sims took the bus to Lost Creek Ranch where skiing, tobogganing and snow shoe sports took place. One event long to be remembered was turning the large bus around in 2½ feet of snow at Lost Creek Ranch, which took over an hour.

Several Mazamas of Portland attended the Eugene Outdoor Clubs first winter outing, including Fred McNeal and wife, Merle Moore & Nell Heizer. George Bjorset showed the group a few things about skiing, having the first "harness and poles" that the Eugene Club had seen. So far skiing had been done with "toe straps" and a pole from the woods. One of the outstanding trips the first year was that of Feb. 25, 1928 when the club spent a full day of snow sports at Mt Hood Government Camp led by Percy Brown. The day was highlighted with the National ski jumps.

A summer outing had been talked of, so the first week in August 18 members, under the leadership of Ed Turnbull, engaged John Milliorn to pack from Frog Camp down the Skyline trail 5 miles. Here camp was set up at the foot of the Middle Sister, with the North plain in view. Mr and Mrs Preston Lake were in charge of the kitchen.

The next issue will tell of the climbing of four mountains in five days and the origin of the Obsidians.

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